

ALLEN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

202 W. MILLER RD., IOLA, KANSAS

August 8, 2006

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Craig Mentzer, at 8:00 PM, and was held in the USDA Service Center Building, Iola, Kansas, 66749.
2. **ALSO PRESENT:**
DeWayne Jarred, Vice-Chairman, **Present**
Matt Loomis, Treasurer, **Present**
Allen Terrell, Member, Not Present
Ryan Garrett, Member, **Present**
Ann C. Houk, District Manager, **Present**
Matthew T. Powe, District Conservationist, NRCS, **Present**
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:
A motion was made by DeWayne to accept the minutes of July 11, 2006 as sent out to each supervisor. This motion was seconded by Matt. Motion carried.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT:
A motion was made by DeWayne to accept the Treasurer Report as read and pay the bills due, and this motion was seconded by Ryan. Motion carried. Expenses were Buffer Account \$45.22, Non-Point Source Account \$20.76, Petty cash #10.00, and Operations Account \$2940.06
5. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:
 - A. State Conservation Commission – CSIMS Mapping System Users Guide.
 - B. Background Investigation Fact Sheet, Background Investigation forms has been completed by both Ann Houk and Dan McCall, and has been sent to the NRCS Area Office, Emporia.
 - C. Voucher from Sherrie Riebel concerning the amount the District has coming from the county allocation for 2006.
 - D. Sedgwick County Conservation District – has for sale a 2000 model Miller 20 row no-till drill and trailer. Was notified that the drill as been sold.
 - E. SCC – Conservation District Employee Security Background Investigations – One District background check will be paid by NRCS, and the other will be paid by NPS funds from the State Conservation Commission.
 - F. KPERS – Payments made through Electronic Funds Transfer – ours is ok
 - G. Krysta Harden, NACD Chief Executive Officer & Kevin Brown, NRCS Depart Chief for Management – Non-Common Computing Environment (CCE) computers connected to the USDA network for Internet access.
 - H. Jan Richardson, Farm Show Committee Chairperson – will participating in the 2006 Farm & Ranch Show at the Kansas Coliseum in Wichita on November 7-9, 2006 – asking for a donation of \$30.00-50.00 from conservation districts.
 - I. KACD Area V Fall Meeting – Here in Iola, at the RiverTree Christian Church, just across the street from our office, August 15, with Registration starting at 9:00-9:30 AM, adjourn at 3:30 PM. Allen County is to get the refreshments for the meeting, but another district will pay fro the refreshments, also for the meting is the Talking Points from NRCS meeting the Budget Reduction Challenges of combining Offices.

- J. KACD – Convention – Dianne Dir, Dist. Manager – KACD Grassland Committee Award information
6. NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT:
See Matt's NRCS report attached.
 7. CONSERVATION DISTRICT REPORT:
None
 8. NPS POLLUTION REPORT:
We have had one septic system completed for FY-2006. We have completed one request for Soil Test, the landowner thought that he was going to plant fescue on a field, but the soils are not suited for fescue. About have all of our NPS allocation allocated.
 9. OTHER REPORTS:
 10. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION PLANS:
Revision for Rick Nelson CRP-523-2005
 11. DISTRICT PROGRAM:
 12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
 13. NEW BUSINESS:
The communications from Reno County Conservation District asking Conservation Districts to donate \$30.00 to \$50.00 to help provide educational and promotional materials for booth at the 2006 Farm & Ranch Show at the Kansas Coliseum in Wichita on November 7-9, 2006 was reviewed and a decision was made not to donate.

We had a voucher from the County that reported that we still have a balance of \$2407.00 yet to come from the county for this year allocation. The District has just received \$7593.00 and in February received \$10,000.00.

The Budget for the Buffer Partnership grant was completed. A motion was made by Matt to ask for \$7,500.00 for the Buffer program. DeWayne seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Giveaway items for the Annual Meeting were reviewed from the Go-Proms catalog. A motion was made by Matt and seconded DeWayne to purchase Super Magnet Clips for the District. Motion carried. DeWayne also suggested that we order original letter slitters for the Buffer project. We need to see if we can use the Buffer funds to do something for the annual meeting.

The KACD Area V meeting will be August 15, at the RiverTree Christian Church, which is just across the street from our office. Ronnie Brown, KACD Director has asked the District to get the refreshments for registration time. Another District will be asked to pay for the refreshments if we will do the work. Registration begins at 9:00 AM. The NRCS Talking Points information was reviewed. NRCS budget predictions have been handed out and NRCS needs to reduce numbers of employees, and will combine field offices. This challenge will be discussed at the KACD meeting.

The paper work for the Employee Security Background Investigations has been completed by Dan McCall and Ann Houk, and has been sent to the NRCS Area Office. They were both finger printed by the Sheriff office.

This meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM, and the next meeting will be September 5, 2006 at 8:00 PM.

MINUTES APPROVED _____
DATE

CHAIRMAN

DISTRICT MANAGER